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Hoopeston officials pass no-frills \$6.67 million budget

City employees will do no impulse buying this year.

The Hoopeston city council Tuesday night approved a \$6,676,588 budget for 1997-98, up approximately \$226,000 from last year.

In preparing the budget, all one-time major purchases were eliminated, said Alderman Bill Goodwine, chairman of the city's finance committee.

Such things as new tractors and mowers were axed, Goodwine said, adding that half of the purchase price of those items will be set aside to buy them next year.

While delaying the purchase of the items is financially sound, the wait could cause problems later, Goodwine admitted. Regarding tractors, "that's what we plow snow with," he said. "If one breaks down, we'll hear about it."

Goodwine predicted some one-time purchases will be necessary during the year. "I expect some exceptions will be made," he said. "They should be emergency items if we do."

Additionally, \$40,000 was earmarked for future swimming pool repairs. Goodwine said the last major repairs of the pool, approximately 10 years ago, cost nearly \$500,000.

The budget also includes an across-the-board increase in salaries of approximately four percent, Goodwine said. While most employees will receive about that amount, some will receive more and some less. "There are exceptions every year," he said.

Sheriff's police investigate fatal accident south of Rossville

An unidentified man was killed in a motorcycle accident Tuesday evening.

The man's identity had not been released at press time last night, pending notification of family.

The accident was reported at approximately 5:30 p.

Alderman John Haughee voted against the budget because he had questions regarding pay increases that were not answered prior to the vote.

In other business, the council:

☐accepted a bid from Silver Brothers for the sidewalk repair program. Voting against the bid - \$3.50 per square foot - were aldermen Dave Borders and Mike Eckersley.

"I just thought it was high," Borders said. "At \$3 a square foot (last year's price) that's \$300 for 50 feet. I just feel that's high."

Eckersley cited the high cost as well. "Every year, we pay more and more to (Silver Brothers)," he said, adding he would like to see more than one bid for the project.

☐abled bids for perpetual care at Floral Hill Cemetery. Two bids were received, from Schuler's Flower Shop and Rhonda's Baskets.

Alderperson Sue Comstock, cemetery committee chair, said the committee will review the bids at a committee meeting Friday morning and will accept a bid then.

☐discussed pending litigation during executive session. Alderman Harold Cox voted against the closed session and did not attend it.

☐learned trees are available for planting on city rights-of-way in residential areas.

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This meeting will be open to all veterans and it will be **FREE!** You do not need to be a member of the American Legion or any other veterans' organization.

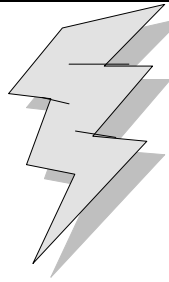
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Success of collection program may mean expanded service

The success of a household waste collection program may mean an expanded program next year.

Saturday's local Hazardous Waste Collection Day "was better than I expected," said Mayor Bob Ault.

Residents were encouraged to take latex and oil based paints, automotive and household batteries, used motor oil and antifreeze to the city barn. "We figure we had over 200 homes participate in the pick-up," Ault said. "We felt that was very, very good."

The response was so good, Ault said he plans to request that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency allow Hoopeston to hold its own full-fledged collection site next year.



Court Dispositions



April 3: Robert Glidewell, Georgetown, leaving the scene, failure to report an accident, disobeying traffic control device, failure to slow for a curve, driving on sidewalk, pleaded not guilty; Nov. 17 trial.

Eric Barnard, Rossville, sentencing, failed to appear.

Some items, such as solvents, paint remover and thinner, hobby and lawn chemicals, fluorescent tubes and unknown liquids, were not accepted at the Hoopeston collection.

If the EPA gives permission, Ault said he would like to collect those items locally next year. "There certainly is a need," he said.

Ault has already started the request process, speaking with county recycling coordinator Lynn Wolgamot Tuesday. Ault hopes the county will back his request to the EPA.

An answer to the request could take up to a year, he

Rogelio Bernal, Hoopeston, status check, failed to appear.

Robert Bogard, Hoopeston, uninsured, pleaded by mail.

Obituaries

GOOD - Raymond E. Good, 69, of Hoopeston, died at 6:55 a.m. Monday, April 14, 1997, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
April 14, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Cynthia Compton, Hoopeston.

Weather



Partly cloudy today. High in the upper 40s or low 50s. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the low 30s. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High near 45, low near 35.

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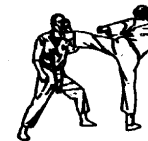
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